

The Norwood-Dingell bill allows women to obtain routine ob/gyn care from their ob/gyn without prior authorizations or referral. This is a good step in the right direction. As a staunch advocate for women, I prefer women having the opportunity to designate their ob/gyn as their primary care provider but—that is another battle for another time.

Norwood-Dingell also looks out for our children. Parents now have the opportunity to select a pediatrician as a primary care provider. This provision gives parents a level of comfort knowing that their child's doctor understands the health needs of children.

Mr. Speaker, this bill needs a straight up or down vote. It should not be joined and we should not be forced to vote on both bills. When a straight up or down vote—without poison pills—is allowed, I urge my colleagues to vote “yes” on the Norwood-Dingell bipartisan managed care reform bill.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATHAM). The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. FROST moves that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 3, nays 423, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 482]

YEAS—3

Dingell	Kennedy	Obey
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NAYS—423

Abercrombie	Barrett (NE)	Bishop
Ackerman	Barrett (WI)	Blagojevich
Aderholt	Bartlett	Bliley
Allen	Barton	Blumenauer
Andrews	Bass	Blunt
Archer	Bateman	Boehliert
Armey	Becerra	Boehner
Bachus	Bentsen	Bonilla
Baird	Bereuter	Bonior
Baker	Berkley	Bono
Baldacci	Berman	Borski
Baldwin	Berry	Boswell
Ballenger	Biggert	Boucher
Barcia	Billbray	Boyd
Barra	Billrakis	Brady (PA)

Brady (TX)	Gonzalez	Martinez	Sánchez	Spence	Udall (CO)
Brown (FL)	Goode	Mascara	Sanders	Spratt	Udall (NM)
Bryant	Goodlatte	Matsui	Sandlin	Stabenow	Upton
Burr	Goodling	McCarthy (MO)	Sanford	Stark	Velázquez
Burton	Gordon	McCarthy (NY)	Sawyer	Stearns	Vento
Buyer	Goss	McCollum	Saxton	Stenholm	Visclosky
Callahan	Graham	McCrery	Schaffer	Strickland	Vitter
Calvert	Granger	McDermott	Schakowsky	Stump	Walden
Camp	Green (TX)	McGovern	Scott	Stupak	Walsh
Campbell	Green (WI)	McHugh	Sensenbrenner	Sununu	Wamp
Canady	Greenwood	McInnis	Serrano	Sweeney	Waters
Cannon	Gutierrez	McIntosh	Sessions	Talent	Watkins
Capps	Gutknecht	McIntyre	Shadegg	Tancred	Watt (NC)
Capuano	Hall (OH)	McKeon	Shaw	Tanner	Watts (OK)
Cardin	Hall (TX)	McNulty	Shays	Tauscher	Waxman
Carson	Hansen	Meehan	Sherman	Tauzin	Weiner
Castle	Hastings (FL)	Meek (FL)	Sherwood	Taylor (MS)	Weldon (FL)
Chabot	Hastings (WA)	Meeks (NY)	Shimkus	Taylor (NC)	Weldon (PA)
Chambliss	Hayes	Menendez	Shows	Terry	Weller
Chenoweth-Hage	Hayworth	Metcalfe	Shuster	Thomas	Wexler
Clay	Hefley	Mica	Simpson	Thompson (CA)	Weygand
Clayton	Herger	Millender-McDonald	Sisisky	Thompson (MS)	Whitfield
Clement	Hill (IN)	Miller (FL)	Skeen	Thornberry	Wicker
Clyburn	Hill (MT)	Miller, Gary	Skelton	Thune	Wilson
Coble	Hilleary	Miller, George	Slaughter	Thurman	Wolf
Coburn	Hilliard	Minge	Smith (MI)	Tiahrt	Woolsey
Collins	Hinche	Mink	Smith (NJ)	Tierney	Wu
Combest	Hinojosa	Moakley	Smith (TX)	Toomey	Wynn
Condit	Hobson	Mollohan	Smith (WA)	Towns	Young (AK)
Conyers	Hoefel	Moore	Snyder	Trafigant	Young (FL)
Cook	Hoekstra	Moran (KS)	Souder	Turner	
Cooksey	Holden	Moran (VA)			
Costello	Holt	Morella			
Cox	Hooley	Murtha			
Coyne	Horn	Myrick			
Cramer	Hostettler	Nadler			
Crane	Houghton	Napolitano			
Crowley	Hoyer	Neal			
Cubin	Hulshof	Nethercutt			
Cummings	Hutchinson	Ney			
Cunningham	Hyde	Northup			
Danner	Inslee	Norwood			
Davis (FL)	Isakson	Nussle			
Davis (IL)	Jackson (IL)	Oberstar			
Davis (VA)	Jackson-Lee	Oliver			
Deal	(TX)	Ortiz			
DeFazio	Jefferson	Ose			
DeGette	Jenkins	Owens			
DeLauro	John	Oxley			
DeLay	Johnson (CT)	Packard			
DeMint	Johnson, E. B.	Pallone			
Deutsch	Johnson, Sam	Pascarell			
Diaz-Balart	Jones (NC)	Pastor			
Dickens	Jones (OH)	Paul			
Dicks	Kanjorski	Payne			
Dixon	Kaptur	Pease			
Doggett	Kasich	Pelosi			
Dooley	Kelly	Peterson (MN)			
Doolittle	Kildee	Peterson (PA)			
Doyle	Kilpatrick	Petri			
Dreier	Kind (WI)	Phelps			
Duncan	King (NY)	Pickering			
Dunn	Kingston	Pickett			
Edwards	Kleczka	Pitts			
Ehlers	Klink	Pombo			
Ehrlich	Knollenberg	Pomeroy			
Emerson	Kolbe	Porter			
Engel	Kucinich	Portman			
English	Kuykendall	Price (NC)			
Eshoo	LaFalce	Pryce (OH)			
Etheridge	LaHood	Quinn			
Evans	Lampson	Radanovich			
Everett	Lantos	Rahall			
Ewing	Largent	Ramstad			
Farr	Larson	Rangel			
Fattah	Latham	Regula			
Filner	LaTourette	Reyes			
Fletcher	Lazio	Reynolds			
Foley	Leach	Riley			
Forbes	Lee	Rivers			
Ford	Levin	Rodriguez			
Fossella	Lewis (CA)	Roemer			
Fowler	Lewis (GA)	Rogan			
Frank (MA)	Lewis (KY)	Rogers			
Franks (NJ)	Linder	Rohrabacher			
Frelinghuysen	Lipinski	Ros-Lehtinen			
Frost	LoBiondo	Rothman			
Galleghy	Lofgren	Roukema			
Ganske	Lowey	Roybal-Allard			
Gejdenson	Lucas (KY)	Royce			
Gekas	Lucas (OK)	Rush			
Gephardt	Luther	Ryan (WI)			
Gibbons	Maloney (CT)	Ryun (KS)			
Gilchrest	Maloney (NY)	Sabo			
Gillmor	Manzullo	Salmon			
Gilman	Markey				

NOT VOTING—7

Brown (OH)	Istook	Wise
Delahunt	McKinney	
Hunter	Scarborough	

□ 1246

Messrs. BALLENGER, YOUNG of Alaska, COYNE, Ms. PELOSI, and Messrs. VITTER, MINGE and OWENS changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2990, QUALITY CARE FOR THE UNINSURED ACT OF 1999, AND H.R. 2723, BIPARTISAN CONSENSUS MANAGED CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BONILLA). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the resolution.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

□ 1252

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BONILLA) (during the voting). The Chair has been advised that there is difficulty with some of the votes being displayed to the Members' left, on the far left panel. There have been Members reporting that after they have cast their vote, that on the far left panel their votes are not being accurately reflected, but their votes are being properly recorded.

But Members should be cautious about what they see on the panel and

should reconfirm with their cards their actual votes.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. DINGELL. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Michigan is recognized for a parliamentary inquiry relating to the vote.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I note that the display over on the right and the left of the Chamber give the number of the Members who have voted. I note that there is no display of the names of the Members who have voted in back of the Chair, the presiding officer.

What does this mean with regard to the regularity and the correctness of the vote?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would cite Speaker O'Neill's ruling on 19 September 1985. The Speaker has the discretion, in the event of a malfunction of the electronic voting system, to, one, continue to utilize the electronic system, even though the electronic display panels are inoperative, where the voting stations continue in proper operation and Members are able to verify their votes; or, number two, to utilize a backup voting procedure, such as calling the roll.

In this case, the Clerk has indicated that the voting tallies are correct. There is no reason at this time for the Chair to have in doubt that the totals displayed on either side of the Chamber are incorrect.

Mr. DINGELL. Further parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will continue to allow Members, if there is a question about a Member's particular vote, the Chair will allow the vote to remain open a little while longer if there is a question any Member has about casting his or her vote.

Mr. DINGELL. Further parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, how is a Member to know how he is recorded on this particular vote?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Any Member can re-insert his or her voting card in any voting station, electronic station.

The monitor indicates that every Republican has voted in favor of this resolution, and all but one Democrat is opposed. So that might also be another indication that the vote, unless there is dispute, is accurate.

Mr. DINGELL. Further parliamentary inquiry. I have noted, Mr. Speaker, that a Member on the majority side had voted no on the rule on the display behind the chair of the Speaker. I am curious, what does that mean in terms of the reliability of the vote?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk is certifying that the vote is being accurately recorded.

Mr. DINGELL. Further parliamentary inquiry. Could the Chair inform

the Chamber what the Clerk has done to assure that the vote is reliable and correct? I have great respect for the Clerk, but we have a malfunction in the electronic system.

My question is, who do we believe, the malfunctioning electronic system or the Clerk of the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk has responded to every Member and checked every Member's vote of any Member who has come forward to question the recording of their vote.

At this time there is no pending question from any Member about the accuracy of their vote being recorded.

Mr. DINGELL. If the Chair would permit, I believe a check by the Clerk will indicate that there are Members who are no longer listed on the computer anymore. I am advised that that constitutes a problem insofar as Members on this side of the aisle are concerned.

I know the Chair is anxious to have a correct vote. I know the Chair also has the responsibility of assuring a correct vote.

At this particular moment, I would note to the Chair, as part of my parliamentary inquiry, that when I look up there I find that there is a display there and there is no display there, and there is a variance between the display behind the Chair and the display which is at the end of the Chamber.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would reaffirm that it is in everyone's interest in this body to have an accurate vote established. That is the intent of every Member of this body.

Mr. DINGELL. I would tell the Chair that the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BARCIA)—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will further state there have been cases in the past where the displays on the boards before the media gallery have been inoperative, but that the votes recorded by the Clerk have been accurate. There is precedent for relying on the running totals.

Mr. DINGELL. Further parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker. Is the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BARCIA) listed as present and voting? I am informed he is not. I am informed that he was present and that he did vote. I am comforted at the assurances of the Clerk. I am not comforted, however, at apparent discrepancies between his comments and what I see on the displays and what I am advised with regard to the presence and the recording of the name and the vote of one Member.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk is checking.

The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BARCIA) is recorded as voting no.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I would note, on a hurried addition, that 429 Members are listed as having been present and voting. I would note that

there are 435. That means that six Members are not recorded as voting on a matter of this importance. I would assume that those Members would have been here.

I am curious, where are those Members who are not recorded as being present and having voted?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The RECORD will show those Members not voting. The gentleman understands that occasionally there are Members who are either on leave, absent, or simply do not vote, for whatever reason they choose. It is not unusual.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, it is the duty of the Chair to see that all Members are properly recorded. Could the Chair assure us that somebody other than the Clerk, whose record is not an official one in this matter, has inquired into the presence or absence of these Members?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is allowing all Members a sufficient amount of time to verify their votes at this time, if there is a question about their vote.

Mr. DINGELL. I am looking at the numbers, Mr. Speaker. I note that 16 Members are listed as not having been present and voting, or there are six Members listed as unrecorded. Do I have the assurance of the Chair that the vote is correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair can only assure the accuracy in the vote count by electronic device. The Chair could not account for the whereabouts of Members who have not voted, unless they are on leave.

Mr. DINGELL. Further parliamentary inquiry. Is it appropriate to request a recapitulation of the vote?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. If the gentleman would kindly delay his question, the Clerk is researching to see whether the Clerk can certify the vote at this time.

Mr. DINGELL. Would that be the Clerk that certifies it, or the Chair?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will report the Clerk's certification or lack thereof.

Mr. DINGELL. I think this matter has been carried as far as it can be, but I would just note with distress, Mr. Speaker, that I believe the events of the last few minutes have raised questions as to the regular order of this vote.

□ 1315

Mr. Speaker, can the Clerk certify with 100 percent accuracy that the record of the votes in the displays above the doors are, in fact, 100 percent?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BONILLA). The Chair is checking on the accuracy of the vote at this time.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, is it the practice of the Chair, then, or would it be the practice of the Chair to inform us of whether the Clerk's certification

is 100 percent correct when that process has been completed?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will be informed of the accuracy of the vote, and the Chair just asks Members' indulgence.

Mr. DINGELL. I thank the Speaker. I may have further parliamentary inquiries, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has been informed that the accuracy of the vote cannot be established with 100 percent accuracy.

On this occasion, the Chair will direct the Clerk to call the roll to record the yeas and nays, as provided in clause 2(b) of rule XX.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Hawaii will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, may I take it from the Speaker's remarks that he cannot do anything without me?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will call the roll alphabetically.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. I thank the Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will inform Members that this is the only valid vote on the resolution, H. Res. 323, on the rule, and this will be the only recorded vote. It is not a recapitulation.

The question was taken; and there were—yeas 221, nays 209, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 483]

YEAS—221

Aderholt	Cook	Greenwood
Archer	Cooksey	Gutknecht
Armey	Cox	Hansen
Bachus	Crane	Hastert
Baker	Cubin	Hastings (WA)
Ballenger	Cunningham	Hayes
Barr	Davis (VA)	Hayworth
Barrett (NE)	Deal	Hefley
Bartlett	DeLay	Herger
Barton	DeMint	Hill (MT)
Bass	Diaz-Balart	Hilleary
Bateman	Dickey	Hobson
Bereuter	Doolittle	Hoekstra
Biggert	Dreier	Horn
Bilbray	Duncan	Hostettler
Bilirakis	Dunn	Houghton
Bliley	Ehlers	Hulshof
Blunt	Ehrlich	Hunter
Boehlert	Emerson	Hutchinson
Boehner	English	Hyde
Bonilla	Everett	Isakson
Bono	Ewing	Istook
Brady (TX)	Fletcher	Jenkins
Bryant	Foley	Johnson (CT)
Burr	Fossella	Johnson, Sam
Burton	Fowler	Jones (NC)
Buyer	Franks (NJ)	Kasich
Callahan	Frelinghuysen	Kelly
Calvert	Gallely	King (NY)
Camp	Ganske	Kingston
Campbell	Gekas	Knollenberg
Canady	Gibbons	Kolbe
Cannon	Gilchrest	Kuykendall
Castle	Gillmor	LaHood
Chabot	Gilman	Largent
Chambliss	Goodlatte	Latham
Chenoweth-Hage	Goodling	LaTourette
Coble	Goss	Lazio
Coburn	Graham	Leach
Collins	Granger	Lewis (CA)
Combest	Green (WI)	Lewis (KY)

Linder	Porter	Smith (TX)
LoBiondo	Portman	Souder
Lucas (OK)	Pryce (OH)	Spence
Manzullo	Quinn	Stearns
McCollum	Radanovich	Stump
McCrery	Ramstad	Sununu
McHugh	Regula	Sweeney
McInnis	Reynolds	Talent
McIntosh	Riley	Tancredo
McKeon	Rogan	Tauzin
Metcalfe	Rogers	Taylor (NC)
Mica	Rohrabacher	Terry
Miller (FL)	Ros-Lehtinen	Thomas
Miller, Gary	Roukema	Thornberry
Moran (KS)	Royce	Thune
Morella	Ryan (WI)	Tiahrt
Myrick	Ryun (KS)	Toomey
Nethercutt	Salmon	Upton
Ney	Sanford	Vitter
Northup	Saxton	Walden
Norwood	Schaffer	Walsh
Nussle	Sensenbrenner	Wamp
Ose	Sessions	Watkins
Oxley	Shadegg	Weldon (FL)
Packard	Shaw	Weldon (PA)
Paul	Shays	Weller
Pease	Sherwood	Whitfield
Peterson (MN)	Shimkus	Wicker
Peterson (PA)	Shuster	Wilson
Petri	Simpson	Wolf
Pickering	Skeen	Young (AK)
Pitts	Smith (MI)	Young (FL)
Pombo	Smith (NJ)	

NAYS—209

Abercrombie	Filner	McCarthy (NY)
Ackerman	Forbes	McDermott
Allen	Ford	McGovern
Andrews	Frank (MA)	McIntyre
Baird	Frost	McNulty
Baldacci	Gejdenson	Meehan
Baldwin	Gephardt	Meek (FL)
Barcia	Gonzalez	Meeks (NY)
Barrett (WI)	Goode	Menendez
Becerra	Gordon	Millender-
Bentsen	Green (TX)	McDonald
Berkley	Gutierrez	Miller, George
Berman	Hall (OH)	Minge
Berry	Hall (TX)	Mink
Bishop	Hastings (FL)	Moakley
Blagojevich	Hill (IN)	Mollohan
Blumenauer	Hilliard	Moore
Bonior	Hinchey	Moran (VA)
Borski	Hinojosa	Murtha
Boswell	Hoefel	Nadler
Boucher	Holden	Napolitano
Boyd	Holt	Neal
Brady (PA)	Hoolley	Oberstar
Brown (FL)	Hoyer	Obey
Brown (OH)	Inslee	Olver
Capps	Jackson (IL)	Ortiz
Capuano	Jackson-Lee	Owens
Cardin	(TX)	Pallone
Carson	Jefferson	Pascarell
Clay	John	Pastor
Clayton	Johnson, E. B.	Payne
Clement	Jones (OH)	Pelosi
Clyburn	Kanjorski	Phelps
Condit	Kaptur	Pickett
Conyers	Kennedy	Pomeroy
Costello	Kildee	Price (NC)
Coyne	Kilpatrick	Rahall
Cramer	Kind (WI)	Rangel
Crowley	Kleczka	Reyes
Cummings	Klink	Rivers
Danner	Kucinich	Rodriguez
Davis (FL)	LaFalce	Roemer
Davis (IL)	Lampson	Rothman
DeFazio	Lantos	Roybal-Allard
DeGette	Larson	Rush
DeLauro	Lee	Sabo
Deutsch	Levin	Sanchez
Dicks	Lewis (GA)	Sanders
Dingell	Lipinski	Sandin
Dixon	Lofgren	Sawyer
Doggett	Lowe	Schakowsky
Dooley	Lucas (KY)	Scott
Doyle	Luther	Serrano
Edwards	Maloney (CT)	Sherman
Engel	Maloney (NY)	Shows
Eshoo	Markey	Sisisky
Etheridge	Martinez	Skelton
Evans	Mascara	Slaughter
Farr	Matsui	Smith (WA)
Fattah	McCarthy (MO)	Snyder

Spratt	Thurman	Watt (NC)
Stabenow	Tierney	Waxman
Stark	Towns	Weiner
Stenholm	Trafficant	Wexler
Strickland	Turner	Weyand
Stupak	Udall (CO)	Wise
Tanner	Udall (NM)	Woolsey
Tauscher	Velázquez	Wu
Taylor (MS)	Vento	Wynn
Thompson (CA)	Visclosky	
Thompson (MS)	Waters	

NOT VOTING—4

Delahunt	Scarborough
McKinney	Watts (OK)

□ 1404

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MALFUNCTIONS WITH VOTING MACHINE NOT UNPRECEDENTED

(Mr. THOMAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, to briefly explain what occurred on the machinery, this is not unprecedented. On May 4, 1988, the same situation occurred. As one might guess, it is a human error.

There was a Member who had a card, and we all know that these new cards are much better than the old laminated ones but they do go bad. When that Member's name was adjusted on the visual screen, it was placed first, out of order alphabetically, and so when the votes were recorded they skipped one. They did not match up.

I want to assure every Member that the computer is far more sophisticated than that. These lights are for visual purposes only. The machine records the vote according to a unique identifier number. Regardless of where a Member might be placed alphabetically the unique number from the card records the vote.

However, I want to compliment the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL), who is one of the few Members around here who remembers this is the way we used to do business on an ordinary basis, about a quarter of a century it was done under this system, the other half with lights. The votes were recorded accurately, but given the concern over the visual reference it was entirely appropriate to go through this procedure. It was a revisiting of a previous existence of the Congress.

Our hope is that the human errors are now minimized, but the actual vote that is recorded, notwithstanding the visual display, was recorded accurately by the machine.

QUALITY CARE FOR THE UNINSURED ACT OF 1999

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 323, I call up the bill (H.R. 2990) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals greater access to health insurance